

NOTE

The type locality of *Sciapus pressipes* Parent
(Diptera: Dolichopodidae)

Parent (1929, *Annls Soc. sci. Brux.* (B) 49: 244–246) described *Sciapus pressipes* in his account of the non-European material in the von Roder collection, giving the type locality as “Caroline.” He included characters to distinguish the species from other American *Sciapus*, and provided an additional couplet to fit it into Becker’s key to the nearctic and neotropical species of the genus (Becker, 1922, *Abh. Zool.-Bot. Ges. Wien.* 13(1): 361–363). The species has been included in subsequent keys to North American *Sciapus* by Robinson (1964, *Misc. Publs Ent. Soc. Am.* 4: 112–113) and Steyskal (1966, *Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash.* 68: 292–294), and was included in the catalog of North American species by Foote et al. (1965, pp. 485–486 in *USDA Agr. Hndbk No. 276*). However, these subsequent authors all give the distribution as “Carolina,” with no extra localities, nor any indication as to whether North or South Carolina is

the appropriate state. This suggests that no further material has been collected.

The descriptions of new species in Parent’s paper were preceded by a list of localities for both known and previously unknown species (Parent, loc. cit., pp. 169–173). This gives the origin of his material of *S. pressipes* as “Penope (Caroline).” It appears that Penope is an alternative or misspelling of Ponape, and that *S. pressipes* comes from Ponape in the Caroline Is. It is thus a member of the Pacific rather than the nearctic fauna. Parent’s description shows that whereas *S. pressipes* is unlike any North American species of *Sciapus*, it is very similar to *S. occultus* Parent from the Admiralty Is., particularly in the genitalia and male secondary sexual characters.

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